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PROHIBIT USE OF STATE AGENCY NAME WITHOUT COMPENSATION

House Bill 4046
Sponsor: Rep. Lingg Brewer
**Committee: House Oversight and
Operations**

Complete to 1-21-00

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4046 AS INTRODUCED 1-27-99

The bill would create a new act to prohibit an individual or entity from assuming, adopting, or using certain state agency-related names in conducting its business or activities without paying fair compensation. Specifically, the bill would apply to 1) the name of a state agency; 2) a name that so nearly resembles a state agency as to be an imitation of that name; and 3) a name that conveys the false impression that the individual or entity's business, products, services, or activities are connected with or endorsed, authorized, or approved by a state agency. The bill would not apply if a state agency had given written permission for the use of its name without fair compensation.

The prohibition would apply to an individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental entity, society, or other legal entity. The term "state agency" would mean a department, board, commission, office, agency, authority, or other unit of state government.

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